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COUNTY OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

Superior Judge.....Wm. S. Wells
County Clerk.....J. E. Rodgers
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

Regular meetings, first Monday of every month.
First District.....P. Tormey, Rodeo
Second District.....J. M. Stowe, Walnut Creek
Third District.....E. J. Randall, Concord
Fourth District.....P. DeMartini, Clayton
Fifth District.....J. D. Wightman, Lone Tree

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A. McDonald, W. A. Ray.

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Sam. Bermingham.....Treasurer
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Office open from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m.
Sundays from 7:30 to 10 a. m., and from
3 to 6 p. m.
The San Francisco mails arrive at 8:12
a. m. and 5:20 p. m.
Mails close for San Francisco, etc., at
8 a. m., 10:00 a. m. and 4:50 p. m. For
Benicia, etc., 8 a. m.

RAILROAD TIME TABLE

(In Effect May 19, 1904.)

COMING WEST.

Leave Pinole—San Ramon Passenger
8:10 a. m., Martinez Local 9:55 a. m.,
Sacramento Passenger, 6:00 p. m., Mar-
tinez Passenger, 5:34 p. m.
Arrive in S. F.—9:25 a. m., 11:25 a. m.,
7:25 p. m. 6:35 p. m.
Bakersfield passenger stops every day.
Leaves Pinole at 3:38 p. m. and arrives in
San Francisco at 4:55. Stops at Giant.

GOING EAST.

Leave San Francisco—Sacramento Pas-
senger 7 a. m. Martinez Local 9:30 a. m.
Sacramento Local 3:30 p. m. Martinez
Passenger 7:00 p. m.
Arrive at Pinole 8:12 a. m. 10:40 a. m.
4:41 p. m. 8:10 p. m.

SANTA FE

(In Effect May 19, 1904.)

GOING WEST.

Trains leave for Oakland and San Fran-
cisco as follows:
No. 5, 7:40 a. m., No. 41, 9:56 a. m.; No.
7, 5:05 p. m.
Arrive at Oakland 8:27 a. m., 10:35
a. m. and 5:55 p. m.

GOING EAST

Trains leave Oakland as follows:
No. 50, 7:30 a. m., No. 54, 4:30 p. m.,
No. 56, 8 p. m.
Arrive at Pinole 8:34 a. m., 5:11 p. m.
9 15 p. m.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Clarence Sylvester was a visitor to San Francisco last Monday.

Chas. Chaquette visited 'Frisco on Sunday last.

Luther McQuesten spent Sunday and Monday in Santa Cruz.

Edwin Johnson was a visitor to Martinez Sunday last.

Wm. Murray and Wm. Miller were city passengers last Sunday evening.

Lyman Flint went to San Francisco Saturday to be present at the wedding of his sister.

Walter Morgan of Martinez spent Saturday evening and Sunday at Hercules, the guest of Howard Veale.

The sharp frosty mornings that have prevailed of late remind us that winter is approaching with rapid strides.

Mike Nugent, who was taken to St. Mary's hospital some time since suffering with tonsillitis, is reported as improving rapidly.

Superintendent Bermingham left last Friday morning on a business trip East, where he will remain until Christmas.

That girl of yours likes candy. Get a box of French mixed at Quinn & Broder's and take it around to her to-night. Then she will like you too.

The smiling faces of Jas. Silvas and Constable Collins of Pinole were noticed at the smoker given by the Hercules Club on Saturday evening.

Duck shooting from the blinds on the bay was poor last Sunday. Billy Bacon succeeded in bagging twenty which was the largest number reported.

Clarence Sylvester and Bert Pendleton of the cartridge factory will leave on Saturday morning for a two day's duck hunt on the Cunningham ranch at Bay Point.

Messrs. Murphy and Baisley of the San Francisco office of the California Powder Works were in attendance at the smoker given by the Hercules Club last Saturday evening.

The residences and business houses in Martinez are being numbered. Can it be possible that this place has at last woke up from its Rip Van Winkle slumbers after a snooze of nearly forty years.

The Trustees of the town of Pinole may avoid a possible suit for damages by putting in a new board in the plank walk near the drive way gate of B. Fernandez, and by so doing prevent a broken leg or two of night wafarers. "A stitch in time saves nine."

During the past week it has been rumored that R. K. has been presented with a bill for damages on account of "Maud" colliding with a cow somewhere between here and Elmira on the late hunting trip. The matter has been hushed up, but somehow it leaked out that R. K., Moore and "Maud" were in trouble, the particulars of which we were unable to find out.

Mrs. Ed. Curry and Mrs. A. Christian paid the county seat a visit last Friday.

Hokie Silva who has been on the sick list for the past week is improving.

Mrs. H. B. Fuller of San Francisco is visiting Mrs. J. Bermingham, Jr.

Four modern cottages are to be built on "Knob Hill," Pinole. One is already rented for a candy factory.

Dr. Boyd and J. Gaxiola of San Francisco, were shooting from the blind of B. W. Stevens last Thursday.

R. L. Murray of San Francisco, brother of Wm. Murray, and Frank Carroll the well known baseball catcher, spent Saturday evening and Sunday at Hercules.

The trial of Manuel P. Cardoza for the killing of "Doc" Ryder Powell on the slope of Mt. Diablo some time since, has been in progress in the Superior Court during the past week.

Opequon Council No. 45 will give a grand ball in Foresters' Hall Pinole on New Year's Eve. No pains will be spared to make this party the swellest of the season. Admission \$1.00. Ladies free.

Miss Mate L. Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Moore, formerly of Martinez but now of East Oakland, was married last Wednesday evening to Oscar F. Whitney, private secretary in the engineer's office of the Santa Fe. The couple will spend their honeymoon in the Grand Canyon in Arizona after which they will make their home in East Oakland.

Arthur Annis, Herman Koppen, "Doc" Minugh, Bert Pendleton, and Tom Davenport paid a visit to Ed. Riley at the Rodeo Dam on Sunday and reduced the duck tribe by an even dozen. Mallard, canvas back, teal, bluebill and pin tails succumbed to the guns of the shooters, which the "Ding Bats" got on the outside of last Tuesday evening mid liquid refreshments.

A handsome banner emblematical of the "Independent Order of Ding Bats" was presented to that organization by the originator last week. It is a masterpiece of art and genius and is suggestive to a degree that it causes a true "Ding Bat's" mouth to water and his heart to yearn. It was received "mid much pleasurable" and now adorns the walls of the club where the "Ding Bats" gather for "argumentation."

Mrs. Pramberg of Black Diamond was accidentally shot in the thigh Wednesday of last week by the discharge of City Marshal Rogers' pistol which fell to the floor in the woman's apartments. The woman was conveyed to Fabiola Hospital in Oakland at which place she died from the wound some hours later, but before her death she signed a statement to the effect that the shooting was purely accidental. Rogers gave himself up to Deputy Sheriff Johnson and was taken to Martinez. The inquest over the remains of the unfortunate woman was held in Oakland.

The Hercules Club are indebted to Mr. T. S. Davenport for a fine set of Victor Hugo's works, also the life of David Crockett.

We are talking about cold weather here but if we experienced the 31 degrees below zero that Superintendent Bermingham is now enjoying in the East we might say it was cold.

Santa Claus has sent Lehman Bros. an advance supply of Christmas presents. Drop in and see if he has what you want.

MARTINEZ NOTES.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

Mr. and Mrs. Van Prooyen of Hercules spent Sunday in Martinez.

Miss Annie Johnson, who teaches in the Moraga District, came home last week to spend the winter vacation with her parents.

Miss Rose Claiborne of San Francisco, was the guest of Miss Sadie Davenport on Sunday.

Excavations are being made for the foundation of a one story brick building to be erected by Mrs. Rankin on the corner of Main and Ferry streets.

Fabian Joost of San Francisco spent Sunday in Martinez.

On Wednesday morning James Ipswitch discovered the body of a man floating near the Ferry Wharf, which was identified as that of William Hall, known around town as "Billy the Contractor." He was seen on the wharf the night before in an intoxicated condition, and it is supposed that he missed his footing and fell overboard.

The shoe store of A. P. Nelson has been completed and the owner moved in last week.

Rev. G. T. Baker went to Oakland on Sunday to officiate at the final funeral ceremonies of Mrs. Bragg.

Mr. Chas. Thissell spent Sunday in Black Diamond.

Ramona Parlor No. 21, N. D. G. W., celebrated their seventeenth anniversary on Tuesday evening by giving a "Hard Times" party in Odd Fellows' Hall. Old and worn out clothing was the feature of the evening, and some very original costumes were displayed. Games of various kinds furnished amusement, at the close of which refreshments were served, consisting of baked beans, brown bread, doughnuts and coffee.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Barry have been obliged to leave Martinez, owing to the prolonged illness of Mr. Barry, who has been at a hospital in Oakland for some time past, suffering with nervous trouble. The Dombaugh cottage formerly occupied by them has been taken by Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Eager.

A Western editor says the sweetest thing in life is kissing one's own wife. How does he know?

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THURSDAY.....DECEMBER 8, 1904

THE Republican Presidential electors will meet in Sacramento on Jan. 2d, 1905, to cast their ballots for Theodore Roosevelt for President of the United States.

"BATTLING" Nelson and Jimmie Britt have signed articles for a twenty-round glove contest on the evening of the 20th instant before the Yosemite Club of San Francisco. There will be something doing when these gladiators enter the ring.

A SOCIALIST REPLY.

EDITOR NEWS—Dear Sir:

We were looking for "no kind terms" or kind words from Mr. Gompers. If Mr. Gompers has any charges or accusations against the Socialist's party or against Debs and Hanford, our nominees in the last election, let him (or any responsible person) present them to us in a formal and definite manner, and they will certainly be investigated by the the party members, proceeding and result made public news. There is neither secrecy nor whitewash in the Socialist party. As to Socialism being the "panacea for all the ills the body politic is afflicted with," we are more modest than that, but we do claim it will cure the ulcer known as Capitalism. You think Mr. Gompers has the Socialists going South. You may think again after the Citizen's Alliance has laid the American Federation of Labor away to rest alongside the late dear departed Democratic party, then with those two incumbrances out of the way, this issue will stand out clear to view, Capitalism vs. Socialism. May God be with the right. Respectfully yours,

Local Pinole of S. P.

E. T. PAGE, Sec'y.

Dated Pinole, Dec. 3, 1904.

What was accomplished by the "pigeon post" during the siege of Paris, in the Franco-Prussian war, has often been described. The birds who carried thousands of letters and dirpatches in and out of city are to be commemorated by a monument, and a commission has been given to Monsieur Fremlet, the sculptor, for the execution of the work.

THE PENCIL DRIVERS WIN.

In the match game of baseball played last Sunday between the Pencil Drivers and Machinists nines of the California Powder Works, the former won the game by a score of 5 to 4. Following is the line-up of the teams:

Pencil Drivers.	Machinists.
McDonald.....c.....	Miller.....
R. Robison.....p.....	J. Kearney.....
H. Boysen.....1st b.....	J. Hanson.....
Joe Marx.....2d b.....	J. Fritz.....
D. O'Connell.....s. s.....	J. Curran.....
Bob Suitor.....3d b.....	W. Lawrence.....
E. E. Athey.....r. f.....	Wm. Murray.....
H. Woods.....c. f.....	C. Chaquette.....
Bill Mayer.....l. f.....	F. Fritz.....

The Machinists got cold feet and would only play five innings.

We hope Captain Curran will see that his men go home earlier when they play again.

Boysen made a three base hit but only reached first on it, as Fritz made a fine one-handed, running catch at the wind.

The feature of the game was a long pick up by Chaquette in deep center field.

Hanson's work on first was only excelled by that of Boysen in the same position.

Athey's work with the stick brought down the grand stand.

Robison scored a home run on Chaquette's error.

Shorty Carroll umpired the game.

How would you like a piano for Christmas? We have an immense stock of fine, brand new pianos of reliable makes. We have got to move these instruments as our building is to be torn down. We had rather move the pianos and organs into homes than store them, and have cut the prices unmercifully and will make the payment for the same easy. Several of our pianos are now in use in Hercules and are giving satisfaction in every particular.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Morgan arrived Tuesday evening from their Eastern trip where they have spent several months with relatives and also visited the fair at St. Louis.

Automobiling may cause the legs of its devotees to waste away and become useless, but it tends to cultivate strength and activity in the legs of ordinary pedestrians.

THE HERCULES CLUB SMOKER.

The smoker given by the Hercules Club last Saturday evening was a grand social success, and was greatly enjoyed by those who attended. There were many visitors from San Francisco, Pinole, Martinez and other places, in attendance, and who are unanimous in their praise of the manner in which they were entertained by the Hercules Club. Following is the program rendered and the order of exercises:

1. Passing of the corn cobs and liquid refreshments by the committee, which were received with pleasure and the participants lost no time in adding their contribution to the smoke that rapidly filled the hall.

2. Selections on the bag pipe by Robert Murray of San Francisco, which were well executed and put the crowd in the best of humor.

3. Vocal Solo—"Waiting" by Master James Quinn of Pinole, mascot of the Hercules ball team, who completely captivated the audience by his sweet childish voice in the rendition of the beautiful ballad. He was called back amid thunderous applause.

4. Vocal solo by Mr. Sears, first baseman of the Hercules team, which was well rendered and greatly pleased the audience.

5. Comic Trio—"Did Anybody See Our Cat" by Wm. and R. L. Murray and Frank Carroll, which brought down the house, and was one of the notable features of the evening. It is needless to say that the trick had to be gone through with several times before the audience would allow the show to proceed.

An intermission of fifteen minutes was declared to allow the boxers and wrestlers to prepare for the arena, and for the distribution of ham sandwiches and more liquid refreshments throughout the crowd, while the janitors busied themselves in fanning out the smoke so that the participants could better see each other.

6. Irish song—"The Widow Melone" by Dan O'Connell, which again set the ball a rolling and brought forth laughter.

7. Vocal selection—"Paddy Comes Homes" by J. Rockefeller Box. This was sang so-low that the audience had difficulty in the "smoky" atmosphere to hear it, but they applauded hower, just the same.

8. Duet—"Where the Daisies Grow" by Jack Barr and Louie Balliet. This sentimental selection almost brought the tears to the eyes of the listeners, and it was by a mighty effort that they managed to sit it out, but Chaquette, in a husky voice, prevailed on them to stay by ordering the committee to get busy in passing more beer.

9. Jack Curran favored with a solo entitled "Dear Louise," which was a surprise to the audience because nobody knew that Jack could sing, but they found out different, and the storm of applause which followed showed their appreciation of his efforts.

10. Recitation "I am Just Sixteen Today," by Cip Silva was another surprise to the crowd, and the manner in which it was rendered simply took their breath away.

11. Address—"The Art of Physical Culture" by Levi P. Evans. It is needless to say that this distinguished personage received a hearty applause at the

conclusion of his timely and well chosen remarks.

12. Boxing contest of three rounds, between Mace Madison and Joe Bell of the California Cycling Club. From the time these accomplished boxers entered the ring until the close of the bout, they held the audience spellbound with their clever work, and received the well merited applause of all at the conclusion.

13. Boxing bout of three rounds between Barney Driscoll, bantam champion of the Pacific Coast and Jack Oakes of the California Cycling Club, Tom Oakes referee. This bout was a fast and furious one, and the quickness and cleverness of the men was a marvel. They are certainly both masters of the art and gave the audience a fine exhibition which was greatly appreciated. The bout was for points and was decided a draw.

14. Hokie Silva and Chas O'Neill entertained the crowd with a fine exhibition of amateur boxing in a three round go, and it was a case of give and take between them, with honors even. These young men of Pinole have upon more than one occasion entertained an audience, and they deserve credit for the manner in which they are always ready to help out with their talent.

15. Boxing bout between Fred Landers the "North Beach Wonder" and Garibaldi Cuneo of Pinole. This bout was short and sweet, as Landers so affectually put a stop to his opponent's mad rushes, that he retired from the ring in the second round and Dan O'Connell finished the bout. Landers showed himself to be a wonder indeed, and it is apparent that he is a rising star in his class in the pugilistic profession.

16. The last but by no means the least event of the evening was the catch-as-catch-can wrestling match between Leo Castro of Pinole and John Buchert of Hercules. This event had been looked forward to by club members with great interest, as both men are of powerful build, Castro having the advantage of youth in his favor. In the first trial Castro had but little difficulty in securing a good clean fall from his adversary, but in the second trial Buchert put up a tough tussle and both men were pretty well tired out before Castro finally succeeded in securing the second fall that ended the contest in his favor. Billy Hughes acted as the referee.

Wm. Murray was the announcer and master of ceremonies.

The Hercules Club extend thanks to the California Cycling Club in particular for thier kindness and aid in making the smoker the grand success that it was, and to the local and other outside talent who so kindly contributed to the pleasures of the evening.

FOURTH GRAND BALL.

The Rodeo Social Club will give their fourth grand ball at Social Hall, Rodeo, on Saturday evening, December 17th. The committee of arrangements are as follows. Floor manager, Tom Higuera; assistant, Herman Koppen; floor committee, J. H. Johnson, F. Higuera, H. Delmonte; reception committee, F. Gomez, B. Jack, E. Johnson. Music by Casad's orchestra of San Francisco. Admission, \$1.00. Supper 25 cts. extra. A good time insured to all who may attend.

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THE "DING BATS" RESENT IT.

The last issue of the Pinole Times contained an article which reflected so discreditably upon the "Ding Bats" that Louie the Secretary, resigned "mid contemptuous" and refuses to write any more letters for the NEWS. As the article was untrue and entirely uncalled for, the "Ding Bats" called an impromptu meeting and elected Snyder Dingulbender Secretary to fill the place of the lamented Louie, with instructions to hand the proper "dope" to the NEWS in answer to the scurrilous article which appeared in the Times. Following is what he hands them:

Grease Hill, Dec. 8, '04.

DIEUR EDITUR: I Snyder Dingulbender what is not Louie, und what am a butcher man by profeshionment, have been onct appointment by der "Ding Bats" to hand dot ignoramus lobster what writes der rotten dope by der Pinole Times what iss, the contemptuous disgustifications of the "Ding Bats," mid pleasurable, und I make it my busines to the best of my understoodment to explanation to der peoples what iss that he is nodings but a flat foot, black Dutchman, und a pumpnickle, what not know noding a litte, yaw! He statement in his paper dot der "Ding Bats" do business mid hen roost in der night time, und dot we drinkment "Spring Valley" in der day times, what is a lie, as we have no use mid chickens und we drink only steam beer und eat ducks. He again information the peoples that we feed on mud hens flavorment mid mistake sauce what our schiffoneer Mac Santa Cruz make, und what we swallowment feathers und all midout argumentation und dot what is make Louie sickness und disgustification und what causes him to divorcement himself from der "Ding Bats" und is now a sorrowfulness und a grass widowhood mid der approachment of a hard winter staring mid his face, what is two time another lie. This editorial jassack, what I am informationed mid sureness is belong to the "Bussassas" what raise h—I mid der "Ding Bats" what dey try hard to disorganizationment, states midout any misunderstoodment, dat der peoples by Rodeo, what der "Ding Bats" have already two times visited, say dat they are waitment mid shotguns und brickbats when they come mid another visit, und this is a tam lie what I prove-ment by Mayor Mahoney, und now dier editor, if dot black Dutchman do not write an apologification und print mid der Times by next Saturday, I sue him onct for a breach of promisement und secondly for an alienment of affection which he make mid Loue und der "Ding Bats" what is not a pleasurable, und thirdly if he not do it anyhow, I go down mid a tough bologna sausage what I wear mid his face out, und I break every bone what is in his body mid pleasurement, as I stink mid stout und I ache mid strong, und my head aches for a club, und I wipe up der floor mid der pieces, as I am now two times a madness, und I get up a good Dutch courage what iss when I go me down by the station, und now dier editor you see dot Tom Davy-Port what Louie informations me about, does not mutilation my letter, und mid the thankfulness of myself und der rest of der "Ding Bats" we waitment und see what dat other black Dutchman will do about it.

Yours mid affectionately,

SNYDER DINGULBENDER,
Secretary und Managementation for der "Ding Bats" what iss.

Jerry Mahoney has been making another still hunt in Riley's "prata-tie" patch, and has captured a rare specimen which he pronounces as Ireland gigantus. It weighs five pounds and six ounces, and has five eyes. Jerry says it can almost "spake."

The hand that rocks the cradle can't hit an old hen with a brick.

RODEO NEWS.

Lily Kahn of Pinole was visiting friends at Rodeo Saturday and Sunday.

We wonder who Gus Koppen took out for a buggy ride last Sunday.

Henry Delmonte and Fred Joseph paid a visit to the cartridge factory last Monday.

A number of Rodeo boys were seen at Vallejo Junction last Sunday.

Mr. Frank Delmonte was a Martinez passenger last week.

J. H. Johnson went to the city Monday to visit friends.

Two of the Rodeo belles were masquerading in men's clothes Sunday and had a jolly time.

The plaster mill has been purchased by the Western Oil Company who have converted it into a boarding house for their employees.

Mrs. F. Gaskill, Mae Gaskill and Chas. Gaskill, are on a two week's visit with friends near Stockton.

Joe Fritz and a number of his San Francisco friends were out on a coyote hunt Sunday.

Little B. Delmonte is becoming quite an adept at boat building. He has been watching his father at this work and can almost complete a boat himself.

C. Silva was going to Niles last Sunday but when he discovered certain young ladies on the train he changed his mind and went to Pinole instead.

Jerry Mahoney, the genial Mayor, has been under the weather for the past few days, but is now reported as improving.

BURGLARS ABOUT.

Between the hour of eleven Monday evening and nine Tuesday morning, Mrs. Crenshaw of Pinole had \$154 stolen from under her trunk in the bedroom where she and her daughter, Mrs. Griffin sleep. Evidently some one must have seen her place the coin under the trunk as she brought the money over from A. Greenfield's store where she left it over Saturday and Sunday for safekeeping. On Monday evening she brought it home and sat down in the dining room, counted it, put it away and retired. The following morning she heard the laundryman coming and went to get some money to pay him and found the purse in the same place she had put it, but it was empty. Mrs. Crenshaw feels the loss greatly as it was her all, and upon which she was depending to meet her bills. She is an honest, hard-working woman, and it is a shame that she should have to suffer this loss at the hands of a thieving scoundrel. It is to be hoped that the thief may be captured, but thus far there is no clue to his identity.

Many men run so hard to win the cake life offers as a prize that they shake out all their teeth long before they reach it.

Next Sunday evening the Rev. F. C. Gale will deliver a sermon, subject "The Innocent Who Suffer For the Guilty." All are invited.

Mr. W. H. Baker has been confined to his room during the past week with a severe spell of sickness.

It's a waste of energy to spur a rocking horse.

Self-conceit knows nothing more eloquent than an echo.

LODGE NOTICES

SHENENDOAH TRIBE, No. 121, I. O. R. M., meets every Wednesday night.
W. MAYER, Chief of Records. JOS. JOHNSON, Sachem.



HERCULES LODGE No. 21, K. OF P., meets every Saturday night at Foresters Hall, Pinole, Cal.
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TENNESSEE LAUNCHED.

Philadelphia, Dec. 3, '04—Under disappointing weather conditions, which, however, detracted little from the brilliancy of the affair, the armored cruiser Tennessee was launched to-day at the yards of the William Cramp Ship and Engine Building Company. Government officials, representatives of Navy and Army from Washington, New York and this city, and a party of distinguished Tennesseans, headed by Governor Frazier and his staff, attended the launching. The weather was raw and cold and was rendered more uncomfortable by drizzle of sleet which fell during the morning. The 600 guests, however, paid little attention to the elements. Interest was centered in the big warship and its school-girl sponsor, Miss Annie Keith Frazier, daughter of the Governor of Tennessee, and a great cheer went up as she broke the bottle of champagne on the prow of the cruiser. Following the launching, the invited guests were entertained at luncheon in the mould loft.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Thos. Filben and wife to Pius Spaletta—Lot 6 in block 1, town of Richmond; \$10.

John Larsen to Frank Meredith—Lot 5 and W½ of lot 6 in block 8, city of Richmond; \$10.

Emily S. Tewksbury to John Watson—Lot 11 in block 21, map of 3rd addition to town of Richmond; \$10.

May A. Woods to Clarence C. Spencer—Lots 1 and 2 in block 19, map No. 4, Richmond Boulevard Tract; \$10.

Ben Hinrichson to Enterprise Brewing Co.—Lot 25 in block 3, Richmond Villa Tract, town of Point Richmond; \$10.

Richmond Land Co. to John J. and Mary E. O'Brien—Lots 29 and 30 in block 25, city of Richmond; \$10.

Secretary of State Charles F. Curry has completed the counting of the popular vote for President and Vice-President, which shows that Roosevelt received a majority of 115,822 over Parker, while his majority over all three opposing candidates is 78,907, which is a little more than 10,000 less than the total vote for Parker—Vallejo Morning News.

And now comes a ridiculous doctor saying that children learn the art of lying at home, when every fond mother knows that they learn it of the neighbor's children.—Newark News.

It makes a woman think a corporation is a robber to have a street car conductor ask her for her fare after she thinks he has forgotten it.—New York Press.

My little friend, when you are in Pinole, just step into Greenfield's and tell him what you want for Christmas. This will help Santa Claus very much in selecting presents.

It's no use praying for peace when you are tickling the business end of a mule.

THE TRIP OF THE "CENTURY."

On Saturday last the commodious launch "Century" left the Hercules Wharf carrying a merry party bound for the Elmira preserves, and well supplied with the necessities of such a trip, including violins, banjos soda water and a plentiful supply of edibles. The run to Rio Vista was made in about four hours, where a cargo of necessities was taken on board, and the jolly crowd then proceeded up the river. Shortly after dark troubles began. The fog came down so thick that Chief Navigator Stevens lost sight of his nose and amid the confusion which followed, the "Century" jabbed her nose into a muddy island, which was apparently placed there for that purpose. This necessitated a consultation between the many navigators aboard and which ended by Chief-engineer W. Hanson suggesting that they wait until the tide should lift them. About 2 o'clock a. m. the tide was high enough for the boat to float, and in the heavy fog they proceeded up the slough. After two hour's progress the fog lifted and they saw that they were in a strange place, so this made a second consultation necessary, which ended by the Chief-cook and the other chiefs preparing breakfast, which consisted principally of fog, but was greatly enjoyed. About seven o'clock Chief-lookout Hitch and Chief-pilot Moore discovered a one-armed Robinson Crusoe who directed them to the proper channel and by following his directions they arrived at the Elmira preserves about ten o'clock, where the ladies prepared a fine feed. On the return trip good shooting was enjoyed from the bow of the boat and which ended only when Chief-joker Ingalls found out he was hungry and proceeded to run the boat on a mud flat in Suisun Bay so that he would have a chance to eat his eleventh meal. Coming through the Carquinez straits a huge wave washed most of the game overboard, leaving only four mud hens and some spoonbills, but notwithstanding all these calamities the entire party arrived home safe and sound after having the best trip of the "Century." The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Stevens, Miss Jennie McClean, Mrs. Minnie Griffin, Miss Josie Lucas, Miss Lottie Brandt and Messrs. A. Hitch, W. Hanson, C. Ingalls, F. Moore and G. Hanson.

It's your turn to buy Christmas presents. It's leap year. "Hubby" has been Santa Claus for the past three years. See Quinn & Broder and pick out some useful as well as ornamental article for "hubby."

Many a political candidate stands on his own record for the purpose of keeping others from getting at it.

The Rodeo Social Club will hold a meeting this Thursday evening.

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